Literacy in the State

80. Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the percentage of literacy in the State ;

(*b*) the number of children within the age groups of six years who must be provided with primary education ;

(*c*) the number of children receiving primary education in the State ;

(*d*) the number of primary teachers employed in primary schools ;

(*e*) the pupil and teacher ratio in primary schools of the State ;

(*f*) the action the Government intends to take to improve the standard and efficiency in teaching in primary schools ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 31.54% as per census of 1971.

(*b*) Within 6 years : None.

Within 6–10 years : 33,12,918.

(*c*) 30,25,584.

(*d*) 97,612.

(*e*) 40:1.

(*f*) With a view to remove the backlog of untrained teachers which is very necessary to improve academic standards in primary schools, the number of deputations for T.C.L./T.C.H. has been substantially increased. Besides, summer-*cum*-correspondence course for teachers with S.S.L.C. qualification, who are above 35 years, has also been instituted. In addition to this, in bigger cities where there are large number of untrained teachers, facilities have also been provided for In-service Training programme by starting Evening Training Classes. In addition to the above, Inservice Training Programme and Refresher Courses in teaching of Science, English, etc., have also been taken up. This will improve the academic standards at Primary school level.

In the context of the reorganisation of the department, the Inspectorate has been strengthened and the Graduate Inspectors of Schools who are in charge of the Primary schools have now more time to supervise the work of the Primary school teachers and to give guidance. In their efforts to improve the quality of instruction in Primary schools the Assistant Educational Officers are getting the help and guidance of not only the Subject Inspectors who are attached to the offices of the Deputy Directors of Public Instruction but also the help of the staff of academic wings of the Department.